

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
FEBRUARY 14, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:05 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. O'Connor –absent; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Lendi – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. O'Connor normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to defer approval the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2013; Mr. Lendi concurred.

Mr. O'Connor appears for the meeting. Normal rules of procedure are reinstated.

Agreement between the City of Hammond and the City of Whiting and First Group Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in the road widening and resurfacing of Indianapolis Boulevard from Calumet Avenue to Schrage Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-132)

Agreement and Understanding between Conopco, Inc., formerly known as Lever Bros. Company, for the purchase of real property as part of the Wolf Lake bike and trail system. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-133)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 173rd Street and Northcote Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-134)

Letter of Engagement with John Kasperek Co., Inc. Mr. Lendi advised this document is for accounting services for the City. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-135)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting approval of the retirement of Radio Dispatcher, Jo Ann Nauracy, effective March 25, 2013 and approval of Department General Order 13-02. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-136)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the demotion of Engineer Joseph Williams to the rank of Private, effective January 31, 2013 and request for the Social Media Policy be included in the Hammond Fire Department Rules, Regulations, Practices and Procedures, Section 13, Page 74 Social Media Policy. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-137)

Quit Claim Deeds conveying 3038 – 173rd Street and 7015 Carolina Street to the Hammond Redevelopment Commission. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-138)

Hearing on property located at 912 Summer Street. Attorney Christian Bartholomew appears for property owner, Mr. Joe Wittig. Mr. Bartholomew stated repairs have been made and requested a thirty (30) day extension for another inspection to be made. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to March 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-139)

Hearing on property located at 5731 Northcote Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the basement apartment be removed. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-140)

Hearing on property located at 4834 Ash Avenue and 4754 Elm Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for both property owners and requesting these matter be continued for thirty (30) days. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue these matters to March 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-141)

Agreed Orders on property located at 240 Douglas Street and 814 Summer Street submitted for approval. Attorney Gary Matthews requested this matter be continued as his client has not yet appeared. Motion by Mr. Lendi to defer this matter to the end of the meeting; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6229 Madison Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Danielle Short, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-142)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 7423 Madison Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Juanita Woods, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-143)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1120 Wilcox Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order to remove the basement apartment; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-144)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 230 – 232 Hanover Street. Property owner's son appeared and stated the structure was originally built as a duplex and does not know why the City is requesting a unit be removed. Mr. Saliga responded the unit that is being requested removed is the unit in the basement, which was not constructed to have habitable living space. City

Attorney Kristina Kantar advised there is no fire separation and electric by way of extension cords runs through the walls. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Inspections Department, advised this is a safety issue for tenant as well as first responders. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-145)

Hearing on property located at 4720 Cameron Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Dennis Schafrik, appears. Mr. Lendi stated this case was continued to allow the property owner time to contact the Inspections Department regarding this address which was originally built as a single family home and now has two (2) additional units in it. Mr. Schafrik stated that he did contact different contractors and it is cost prohibitive to hire anyone to do the demo work. Mr. Schafrik then said he bought it as a two (2) unit. Mr. Dostatni asked if there was fire separation between units. Mr. Kearney responded and said there was none. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order to remove the second floor apartment and basement bedroom; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-146)

Hearing on property located at 851 Indiana Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney advised the owner submitted drawings which were incomplete. Mr. Kearney also said he called the owner, left a message and never received a response to the call. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to March 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-147)

Hearing on property located at 4730 Cedar Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-148)

Hearing on property located at 2242 White Oak Avenue. Property owners fail to appear. Mr. Saliga, for Mr. Farrell, requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the attic apartment, second floor rear apartment and basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-149)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7613 Monroe Avenue. Property owners, Daniel and Christy Appling, appear. Mr. Appling stated he and his wife lived at this single family home until moving to Johns Creek, Georgia and only started renting the house at that time. Mr. Appling said he was unaware of the fee for rental registration. Motion by Mr. Lendi to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-150)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 922 Summer Street. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Lendi to deny the appeal assess a \$500 late fee and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-151)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1459 Truman Street. Property owner, Mr.

Jim Witous, fails to appear. Ms. Kantar advised that Mr. Witous has signed an Agreement to Rehabilitate and that this property has been taken off the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-152)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Street Commissioner, requesting approval to have a street sweeper reconditioned at a cost of \$92,950.00. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-153)

Correspondence received from Chief Anthony Martin, Sr., Purdue University Calumet Police, requesting approval of placing signage on 173rd Street, between Woodmar Avenue and Wicker Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve subject to it meeting the Traffic Control manual; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-154)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Common Council requesting a letter be sent regarding a light being out on the 1100 block of Cleveland Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-155)

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting approval for \$12,950.00 of gaming money be used for light improvements on Hohman Avenue, between Gostlin Street and 137th Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-156)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing on property located at 6814 Nevada Court. Motion by Mr. Lendi to set this matter for hearing on March 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-157)

Mr. Matthews advised his client is not here yet and requested the Agreed Orders on property located at 240 Douglas Street and 814 Summer Street, both owned by Glen Barker, be given to his to have Mr. Barker sign them after the meeting. Motion by Mr. Lendi to give Mr. Matthews the originals and keep a copy of the same; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-158)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received the Agreement for the Sale of Water to the Civil City of Hammond by the Hammond Water Works Department. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to sign the Agreement; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-159)

Under New Business, Mr. Lendi stated there are bricks falling off a building on Hoffman Street between Johnson Avenue and Henry Avenue that need to be picked up and requested JM Wrecking have permission to have temporary lane closure in order to clear the bricks off the street. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Attorney Bartholomew submitted a Settlement

Agreement for property located at 1020 Myrtle Avenue and a Covenant of Use Restriction to use the property only as a single family home, signed by the property owner and the City Attorney. Motion by Mr. Lendi to approve; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-160)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Lendi to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

APPROVED: February 28, 2013

By: _____
William J. O'Connor, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary